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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LUNAK ET AL.

Examiner

Kimberly D. Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Acknowledgment is made of Request for Continued Examination and Amendment filed July 8, 2005.

Specification

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the use of the legal phraseology, "said", line 2, is not permitted. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 15-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Frederick et al. (US 6,112,502; hereinafter "Frederick").

Re claims 15-17, 21-25 and 29-30: Frederick teaches a method including:

inputting information into a handheld device (reading device 542 in fig. 55) from indicia (358, 364, 366, 370 in fig. 40; "The reading device 348 is preferably a device for reading machine readable indicia such as bar code" (col. 40, lines 62-63)) on an open shelving system, the information identifying an item to be restocked to the open shelving system ("Alternatively, when all the medical items have been removed from the storage location the user may operate

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the reading device to read the further indicia adjacent the storage location representative of the condition that all the medical items in the location have been depleted...” col. 6, lines 53-57; col. 41, lines 29-31) (col. 56, lines 51-58; col. 6, lines 12-67; col. 41, line 44 through col. 42, line 53);

inputting a current quantity of the items to be restocked to the handheld device corresponding to the input information (col. 6, lines 53-67);

transferring the information and current quantity from the handheld device (“These transaction messages are sent to other components of the system...” col. 6, lines 63-67) (figs. 40 and 55; col. 56, line 1 through col. 57, line 49);

comparing the current quantity to a par level of the items to be restocked (col. 6, lines 41-47); and

generating a restocking package in response to the comparing (col. 6, lines 45-52).

Re claims 18 and 26: Frederick teaches the transferring by transmitting the information over a wireless link (col. 45, lines 40-45; col. 8, lines 17-37).

Re claims 19 and 27: Frederick teaches the transferring includes inserting the handheld device into a docking station (cradle 354 in fig. 40) located proximate to the open shelving system (“The reading device is eventually again placed in communication with the network 328. This may be done by returning it to its cradle...” (col. 54, lines 53-56)) (col. 41, lines 1-23; col. 47, lines 1-12).

Re claims 20 and 28: Frederick teaches the method further including selecting information identifying an item not represented by an indicia (e.g., keyboard, mouse, touch screen, spoken word recognition, etc (col. 19, lines 28-33)) on the open shelving system and

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inputting to the handheld device a current quantity of the item to be stocked in the open shelving unit (col. 19, lines 20-37; col. 17, lines 21-29; col. 40, lines 16-31).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed July 8, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

6. In response to applicants' argument that "In contrast, in the claimed invention, a bin or storage location is first identified." (page 4, line 28), the examiner respectfully submits that Frederick teaches "Alternatively, when all the medical items have been removed from the storage location the user may operate the reading device to read the further indicia adjacent the storage location representative of the condition that all the medical items in the location have been depleted." (col. 6, lines 53-57), which meets "a bin or storage location is first identified." as argued by applicants.

7. In response to applicants' argument that "Then, the current quantity or inventory of items remaining in that bin or location is input." (page 4, lines 28-29), the examiner respectfully submits that "These transaction messages are sent to other components of the system, and in the case of messages which indicate that a storage location is below par value or depleted, are responded to by restocking the storage location with an additional quantity of medical items." (col. 6, lines 63-67), which serves as "Then, the current quantity or inventory of items remaining in that bin or location is input." as argued by applicants.

Conclusion

Examiner's note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is

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respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2402. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Nguyen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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August 5, 2005